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Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

Luke honors logistics professionals

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Top airmen from all logistics career fields received awards Saturday at the 1999 56th Fighter Wing Logistics Professionals of the Year awards banquet.

The annual awards banquet recognize airmen, NCOs, and civil service employees in all logistics career fields – maintenance, logistics support, transportation, and supply – assigned to the 56th Operations and Logistics Groups.

Retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez was the guest speaker. A logistics pioneer, Marquez retired from the Air Force in 1987 as the deputy chief of staff for logistics and engineering, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. The Air Forces' annual maintenance operations awards are named after him.

During his two-day visit, Marquez toured the base and was impressed with what he saw, but, most importantly, those he met.

"Every time I do that (visit a base), I come away one more time impressed,

honored, and proud at the professionalism and the spirit that you display day in and day out on the line," Marquez said about the people he met here at Luke. "You have great wing. You have tremendous professionals here."

Marquez said the best part about being asked to speak at a banquet is being able to meet with the folks on the line.

"The troops are pretty honest," he said. "I've always found that when I want to find out something, all I have to do is walk down to the line."

Never give that up, Marquez emphasized during his remarks.

"We've got to know what's going on and you've got to tell your leadership what's going on," he said.

Marquez also challenged people to "perpetuate the force and make it better than you found it."

In addition, Marquez emphasized that the 1999 nominees were representative of the excellence residing

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Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews

Senior Master Sgt. Alvin Wright, 56th Operations Group chief of weapons and standardization, explains weapons load techniques March 10 to retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez during his visit to Luke.

Luke E-7s make grade, 26 selected for SMSgt.

By Staff Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force announced Wednesday that 26 Team Luke master sergeants were selected to join the top 2 percent of the enlisted ranks as senior master sergeants.

The senior master sergeant selection rate of 7.89 percent is a small decrease from the 1999 promotion rate of 7.98 percent and promotes 1,405 out of 17,812 eligible master sergeants.

The following Luke members are selected for promotion to senior master sergeant:

Francis Todd, 21st Fighter Squadron; William St. Bernard and Paul Taylor, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron; Jennifer Fleenor, Roy Henslee, Kevin Tomes and Brenda Black, 56th Component Repair Squadron; Kenneth Kirtley, 56th Comptroller Squadron; Jeffrey Dutcher and Joe Rodriguez, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; William Payseno, 56th Logistics Support Squadron; Scott Bryant and Lewis Rissmiller, 56th Medical Support Squadron; Raymond Solberg, 56th Mission Support Squadron; Jeffrey Endris and Kenneth Pease, 56th Operations Group; Vyron McCraw, 56th Operations Support Squadron; Charles Elliot and Ricardo Otero, 61st Fighter Squadron; Benjamin Hoover, James Jones, Brian Kosmal and Thomas Wenker, 63rd Fighter Squadron; Guillermo Nunez and Sandra Stacy, 310th Fighter Squadron; and Michael Bratcher, 342nd Training Squadron, Yuma Proving Grounds.

"It's a great day for Luke and the 56th Fighter Wing when our folks are promoted," said Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander. "Congratulations to all of our senior master sergeant selectees and their families."

Congress created the senior master and chief master sergeant ranks with corresponding E-8 and E-9 pay grades in 1958 following the Korean War in response to promotion stagnation in the enlisted ranks.

The Total Objective Plan for Career Airman Personnel was implemented in 1973 to provide a

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Service before self Instructor pilot earns Distinguished Flying Cross

By Kristen M. Butler
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 56th Fighter Wing instructor pilot received the Distinguished Flying Cross March 10 at the semi-annual Top Gun awards for his part in what turned out to be a search and rescue mission of a downed F-16 pilot during Operation Allied Force.

Maj. J.Q. Watton, 56th Training Squadron academic instructor, was assigned to the 555th Fighter Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy, at the time. He has been at Luke since June.

The medal is awarded to any officer or enlisted U.S. armed forces member who has distinguished himself in actual combat in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight."

Watton, a 19-year Air Force veteran, received the award for displaying heroism as deputy on-scene commander May 1 while flying a mission over Serbia, near Belgrade.

On that day, the Iowa native with more than 2,000 fighter hours, was a fourship flight lead, part of a 26-ship night destruction of enemy air defense mission.

While investigating several air defense sites, Watton's flight was engaged by several anti-aircraft artillery sites and surface-to-air missiles.

Though he was able to maneuver defensively and defeat the threats, his No. 4 wingman sustained a hit.

The damaged aircraft had catastrophic engine failure and just six minutes after the hit, the pilot was forced to eject over enemy territory.

Immediately assuming the role of deputy on-scene commander, he established contact with the downed pilot, formulated a tanker flow plan and helped coordinate the combat survival and rescue effort.

"For a short time we lost contact of the downed pilot and that was a sinking feeling," Watton said. "Nevertheless, we resolved that we would not leave the scene until we had done everything that could possibly be done to see our flightmate get home."

Although Watton and his remaining flight mem-

bers were engaged again by enemy threats, they remained on station until the pilot was recovered, a little more than 2.5 hours after ejecting.

"Heroism and selfless devotion to duty says it all," Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th FW commander, said. "Major Watton did what we train our pilots to do — stay in the fight until your wingman is safely recovered. He did what we are all expected to do, but very few face the opportunity."

"Watton stayed in the fight, jettisoned his weapons and extra fuel and displayed composure, decisiveness and lion-hearted determination."

Watton said he doesn't want to be singled out as a hero.

"There are a lot of people out there who flew that night, flew during Operation Allied Force, that are just as deserving as I am," Watton said. "I just thank God I didn't fold under the demands of the mission. I truly benefited from prior training."

The father of five said he came to Luke looking forward to the challenges of teaching fledgling pilots.

"I'm happy to be here," Watton said. "Hopefully those of us at Luke with combat experience can pass on the knowledge of what it takes to succeed in combat."

In fact, there are more than a dozen Luke instructor pilots who have received the Distinguished Flying Cross for their actions during Operation Allied Force.

"With the wealth of knowledge available at Luke, it's no wonder Luke trains the world's finest fighter pilots," Watton said. The 56th Operations Group commander echoed that sentiment.

He told a story of how when he was a teenager he read a magazine article about a heroic fighter jock that he'll never forget.

"... It read, 'you don't know what type of flight lead you're going to be until somebody in your flight takes a hit,'" Col. Hook Louisel, 56th OG commander, said.

"Everything I heard here this afternoon tells me the spirit of attack, that spirit of bravery, heroism and watching out for your buds is alive and well, just taking on a new technology."

"That's what we're here for — to pass that spirit along. That's what makes America great," Louisell said.



Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's professional experts a

chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate official is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

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Commissary	935-3821
Patient advocate	856-9100
Legal assistance	856-6901
Law enforcement desk	856-5970
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Military pay	856-7028
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Commissary guest clarification

Comment: I recently read about the new policy allowing guests to accompany authorized shoppers into the commissary. When I tried to sign in my friend, I was told "only out-of-state guests" were authorized. This doesn't make sense. What is the real story?

Response: Thank you for your call. You were given bad information. Authorized shoppers can have parents, relatives or companions accompany them into the commissary. These visitors don't have to be from out of state. Remember though, visitors are not allowed to make purchases and we still check military identification cards. This policy is for shoppers' convenience — keep in mind how crowded the store would be if everyone brought guests. We have briefed our employees of the current policy.



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856-7011

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training*

	To date	Goal
Pilot graduates	342	876
MRT graduates	305	983

Sorties flown **16,386** **32,903**

Air expeditionary force support:
AEF 5 and 6: **67** Luke people deployed

**Based on current contract as of Tuesday*

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What is a warrior?

By Col. Kurt Dittmer

56th Operations Group deputy commander

As a second-generation fighter pilot, I feel honored when someone refers to me as a warrior. "Warrior" is a positive term I use when referring to Luke professionals who do their jobs day in and day out. Yet it's not a term I'd use to describe just anyone and it may not be a term you appreciate in the same way I do.

Warriors are special. Having a "warrior spirit" sets you apart from the average citizen. What is a warrior and is this something in which you wish to aspire?

Two dictionary definitions of warrior are: "A person engaged or experienced in warfare; a soldier" and, "A person who has shown great vigor and courage."

The first definition would indicate that any airmen, soldier, sailor or Marine earns the warrior title by virtue of enlisting to serve our country. While not every airman will necessarily engage in combat during their career, from the first weeks of basic military training, each gains experience in the profession of arms. At the end of training, we take an oath of allegiance to support and defend the U.S. Constitution. At this point, we are different from the average citizen.

A civilian doesn't go through basic training, nor do they receive an airman's manual explaining how to survive in conflict and how to be more combat effective. Your oath and commitment to serve your country anytime, anywhere is why every airman can be considered a warrior.

That second definition for warrior — showing great vigor and courage — is where you separate the wheat from the chaff. Daily, many airmen have to overcome

significant risks in the line of duty. Ours is a dangerous profession that requires courage.

For example, in 1996, on a seemingly routine temporary duty assignment, 19 airmen were killed in their Khobar Towers quarter in Saudi Arabia. On the flightline, it requires courage to generate and sustain F-16 sorties. Just last week, a weapons troop in Turkey was sucked down an F-16 intake and killed. In addition, pilots deal with deadly risk and risk management every time they fly. Our business takes courage — every day.

The last trait, "vigor," is where you see winners rise above their warrior peers. Warrior spirit was evident from all units at the Logistics Professional Banquet Saturday, but one individual rose to the top.

Roy Bateman won the Non-supervisory Civilian Employee of the Year. It was the last presentation of the evening ... all previous winners high-fived with their peers and supervisors, then stepped smartly to the stage to accept their award. When 70-year-young Bateman was called, he jogged with vigor from the far corner of the hangar to the stage. As a military retiree and a fuel truck driver every flightline maintainer knows and respects, Bateman jogged up the steps and popped a crisp salute to Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez. His pride and vigor were evident to all.

This crowd of warriors, the best in all logistics fields, rendered a standing ovation to recognize one warrior who still goes the extra mile.

I hope by calling Bateman a warrior here, he understands I am honored to serve with him and that this is the highest compliment I can pay. Mr. Bateman and all Luke warriors, I salute you.

Women's History Month

Females defend country

By 2nd Lt. Ann Callahan

56th Communications Squadron

Women have played a critical and sometimes unknown role in the U.S. military from the time that our country was divided and at war with itself.

History tells us of women who fought for the ideals of this nation and ultimately helped us triumph in war. We know from certain military records and books that women served as nurses, soldiers and even spies during the Civil War. It is estimated more than 400 women served in the Civil War on both sides, not counting the thousands who served as nurses. We'll never really know how many women died on the battlefields because many soldiers disguised themselves as men and died under a false name.

The establishment of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps during World War I was the next significant historical event for military women. Nearly 13,000 women enlisted in the Navy and Marine Corps and were the first U.S. women to be admitted to some military rank and status. Army and Navy Nurse Corps women served valiantly throughout the war, many received decorations for their service including the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest military honor.

More than 30,000 women served their country in the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, the Marines and the

Coast Guard during WWI. Not long after the beginning of World War II, the Navy authorized a Women's Naval, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve. In January 1944, the Women's Army Corps was created, and by July 1944, the first WACs arrived in the Pacific and landed on Normandy beach. At this point, there were 100,000 women in uniform.

WWII also saw the birth of Women's Air Force Service Pilots. Gen. Hap Arnold ordered a program to train women to fly. These pilots ferried every model of military plane from factories to military bases. Countless women served in all branches of service stateside and relieved or replaced men for combat duty overseas. Sixteen women received the Purple Heart and 565 women received the Bronze Star for meritorious service overseas. More than 700 WACs received medals and citations at the end of WWII.

Just prior to the Korean War, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower strongly recommended women become a part of the U.S. military. President Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Act of 1948 integrating women into all branches of service. In 1950, the Korean War began and more than 120,000 women were on active duty. By this point, almost a million women had worn a U.S. military uniform. They had fought and become prisoners of war; they had been wounded; they flew planes, planned strategies,

nursed the casualties and died.

Nearly 10,000 women served in Vietnam. Many were decorated. One of the greatest gains for women in the American military occurred near the conclusion of the Vietnam era when they earned their wings and became the first female Naval pilots. The Army trained female helicopter pilots the following year. By 1976, women were attending military service academies and entered Air Force pilot training.

Desert Shield and Storm further defined the critical role of women in uniform. Mobilization included an unprecedented proportion of women and was the largest female deployment in U.S. history. More than 40,000 women served in key combat-support positions throughout the Persian Gulf region and several thousand more served stateside.

Today, women make up more than 26 percent of recruits entering Air Force Basic Military Training and more than 99 percent of Air Force jobs are open to women. Air Force women include more than 300 pilots, 100 navigators and almost 600 enlisted crew members.

Military women have left their mark on history and continue to increase in numbers dedicating themselves to U.S. protection and vital interests abroad. Take time during National Women's History Month in March to remember their service and sacrifices, past and present.



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Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Tech. Sgt. David Mays, 607th Air Control Squadron, connects an operation module to a generator.

Luke, D-M face structure change

By Maj. Derek Kaufman
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Flying training workload adjustments resulting from the standup of the 301st Fighter Squadron at Luke were among those proposed force structure realignment actions affecting Air Force people, aircraft and organizations in 34 states and Guam, Pentagon officials announced Mar. 8.

Luke Air Force Base

The previously announced stand-up of the 301st FS will eventually place 14 Reserve F-16 instructor pilots into five 56th Fighter Wing fighter squadrons. The Reserve pilots will fly 56th FW jets to train active-duty student pilots as part of an initiative designed to help with the Air Force's active-duty pilot retention efforts.

Although each squadron gains 14 Reserve pilots, nine active-duty slots will no longer be filled. The plan is to have full implementation of the Luke Reserve-associate unit by July 2002.

In another force structure move affecting Luke, the 607th Air Control Squadron will gain 16 military positions with the inactivation of the 71st ACS at Moody AFB, Ga., the Pentagon release said. Earlier this year, the 607th also gained 10 civilian contract instructor positions, said Lt. Col. Steve Doss, 607th ACS commander.

"We're still awaiting final confirmation from

personnel officials at higher headquarters on the number of people we will gain," Doss said.

The nationwide force structure changes result from mission changes, adjustments for efficiency, congressional directives, and implementation of the expeditionary aerospace force concept, Air Force officials said. Before making final decisions concerning the major movement of forces, the Air Force will conduct appropriate environmental analyses and ensure compliance with Clean Air Act provisions.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

At Tucson's Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, the 25th Operational Weather Squadron gains 54 military and one civilian authorization as part of the Air Force's weather reengineering plan. In addition, the 355th Wing gains 58 military positions with implementation of the expeditionary aerospace force.

The Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center loses 12 civilian positions due to a reengineering study. Other base support actions result in an increase of three military and a loss of five civilian positions. Total impact is a gain of 115 military authorizations and a loss of 16 civilian positions.

To see the complete list of organizations and installations affected visit www.af.mil/news/Mar2000/.

301st Fighter Squadron commander

Lt. Col. Pat Shay took command of the 301st Fighter Squadron March 3.

Hometown: Glendale, Ariz.

Family: Wife, Beth; daughter, Erin, 17; and sons, Connor, 15, and Drew, 4

Education: U.S. Air Force Academy 1977 graduate with a bachelor's of science degree in engineering

Previous assignments: Torrejon Air Base, Spain, flying F-4Ds; Luke as an F-16 instructor pilot; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; and back to Luke with the 944th Air Reserve Fighter Wing

Inspirations: The great people with whom I've had the opportunity to work.

Goals: Smoothly integrate the associate instructor pilot program into the 56th Fighter Wing

Greatest feat: 1989 Gunsmoke winner

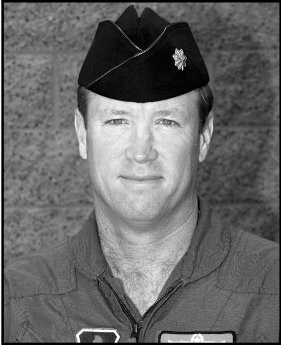
Leadership philosophy: Hire great people and empower them to do great things.

Self-description: Average sustained performer among the best in the Air Force

Famous last words: "Looks good to me ... execute."

Off-duty: Golf, tennis, soccer dad and flying large airplanes

Bad habits: Procrastination



Shay

News Briefs

Personnel, info mgr. luncheon

The personnel and information managers of the year awards luncheon is today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at enlisted club. The event is sponsored by the First Sergeants Council. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Evans at 856-3216.

Women's History Month luncheon

A Women's History Month luncheon is Thursday at 11 a.m. at the enlisted club. Col. Polly Peyer, 377th Air Base Wing commander from Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$6.50. For more information, call Vernadene Loveland at 856-6835.

Census 2000 clarification

The Census Bureau has begun distributing individual census reports to Luke community residences. Active-duty people also receive military census reports at their work centers beginning April 3. Military people not wanting to complete both surveys, may annotate the front of their ICRs with the following statement: "Military member who will complete MCR at Luke Air Force Base," and then place the survey in the mail. Active-duty may complete both surveys; however, only the MCR is required for active-duty military people. Questions can be directed to Lt. Col. Paul Price at 856-7001 or 1st Lt. Dave Graham at 856-8552.

Shoppette test hours

The shoppette tests the following hours for 90 days: weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

EEO closure

The equal employment opportunity office closes for training Thursdays at 1 p.m. People needing assistance during this time, call 856-7113.

Afterschool teen clinic

An afterschool teen clinic is open for teen-specific health care and maintenance needs. Teens are seen between 4 and 6:30 p.m. The clinic can also be used for sports or school physicals, but is not for acute, sudden onset problems or contagious illnesses. Appointments are made by calling 856-2273.

Youth center road closure

The street between Fowler Park and the youth center is closed weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m. for the children's safety.

House-buying seminar

A house-buying and resale seminar is March 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 7328.

Job fair

The family support center and Arizona Job Service sponsor a job fair of more than 100 employers March 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the enlisted club. People should have resumes and be prepared for interviews. For information, call 856-6839.

Seeking memorabilia

The 56th Security Forces Squadron seeks memorabilia related to the air police, security police and security forces career fields from people who have served at Luke. Items such as photographs, uniform articles and patches will be used in a permanent display showcasing the squadron's heritage. For more information or to donate, call Chief Master Sgt. Charles Coles at 856-6099.

Phone number change

The 56th Fighter Wing commander's phone number has changed to 856-0056. The command post number is 856-5600.

Tax center help, volunteers needed

The Luke Tax Center needs front desk volunteers. The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. The center provides free income tax help to active-duty members and retirees; appointments are not necessary. For more information or to volunteer, call Barbara Gaugert at 856-3140 or Staff Sgt. Jay Dorris at 856-6901.

AF experience uses high-tech as recruiting tool

By Master Sgt. Tom Clements

Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS (AETCNS) — The “Air Force Experience” — a high-tech, interactive attraction designed to showcase career opportunities and help reconnect the Air Force with the American public — has taken to the road on its 30-city national tour.

The exhibit arrives in a different city every Thursday from February through September, first stopping at a local high school and then setting up in the parking lot of a shopping center or a major retailer to welcome visitors all day Saturday and Sunday.

“The Air Force Experience is a fresh approach to educating the American public about the mission of the Air Force and assisting recruiting in today’s competitive market,” said Brig. Gen. Peter Sutton, Air Force Recruiting Service commander.

The road show is self-contained in two customized, brightly painted 18-wheelers. One tractor-trailer holds an F-16 Fighting Falcon static display, while the other contains computer kiosks, a mission briefing room, flight simulators, and an external 7-foot-by-7-foot video screen.

Designed to ignite the interests of young adults between the ages of 17 and 25, the 20-minute interactive experience includes a video presentation and a high-speed virtual mission in a flight simulator. As they exit, each visitor gets a commemorative Air Force Experience photo identification card as well as a credit card-sized compact disc containing an overview of the Air Force, a computer screensaver and a link to the Air Force recruiting website, www.airforce.com.

“Taking the display with a real F-16 out to places



Elaine Fitzgerald

The U.S. Air Force Experience, on national tour to schools and shopping malls in 30 cities around America, brings with it a real F-16 fighter jet, computer kiosks, bold video shows and fleet of flight simulators that allows visitors to perform a high-speed virtual mission.

where Americans rarely see the Air Force up close is a win-win situation,” Sutton said. “Americans can learn firsthand what their Air Force is doing, and it provides recruiters a great forum for our message about opportunities for young men and women to become part of the world’s greatest air and space force.”

About two years ago, Gen. Lloyd Newton, AETC commander, hosted a recruiter summit where more than 50 recruiters examined the recruiting process. One of the many ideas that surfaced was the need for the re-birth of traveling Air Force displays and visits.

In 1946, Gen. Henry “Hap” Arnold founded the original traveling display, known as the Air Force Orientation Group. At its height in the 1980s, the group had more than two dozen tractor-trailers moving across the country. The personnel drawdown of

the early 1990s forced inactivation of the group, and it officially closed in April 1992.

“More than 1,000 recruiters are spread across our great country, working long hours to satisfy the Air Force’s personnel requirements,” Sutton said, during an unveiling ceremony Jan. 25, at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. “For the most part, the young men and women they encounter know little about the Air Force.”

The Air Force Experience schedule is concentrates on areas that have little or no military presence.

“We’re focusing on those high-population areas that don’t have Air Force bases nearby and don’t have ‘blue suiters’ living in their communities,” added Sutton. “We want to reach a part of America that will see the incredible benefits and opportunities waiting for them in the United States Air Force.”

Housing residents receive updated sewage system

By 2nd Lt. Eric French

56th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 56th Civil Engineer and Contracting Squadrons are installing an improved sanitary sewer system in military family housing.

These lines ensure the health and safety of family housing residents and replace systems that have become severely degraded.

“The project is scheduled to be completed in three phases beginning north of Glendale Avenue,” said Zane Hoit, 56th CES engineering flight construction and architect team leader. “The first phase began Monday, servicing homes on Zuni Lane and the north half of Sioux Circle.”

The first phase should be completed in late April with the remaining phases to be completed as funds become available.

The project crosses Thunderbird behind the child development center and

requires a trench along Sioux Circle and one block of Lalomai and Zuni Lane. Trenching work reduces traffic flow to one direction at times and may close small sections of these streets up to one full day.

Housing residents affected by the project will receive notices. Notices will be distributed early enough for families to plan for the inconvenience.

“All ditches and trenches will be filled and capped as soon as possible. If it becomes necessary to leave any ditches open for an extended period of time, steel plates will be used to cover them,” Hoit said.

Civil engineers ask residents not to disturb utility line markers and keep children and pets away from construction areas, crews and equipment to ensure the project is completed as quickly as possible.

For more information on the housing upgrade, call 856-7635.

AF clubs offer scholarships

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Air Force clubs are conducting the fourth annual club membership scholarship program.

Any club member or his or her family members are eligible to apply for scholarships via this program.

Three scholarship prizes are awarded. First prize is \$5,000, second is \$3,000, and third is \$2,000. These prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by First USA Bank, Wilmington, Del.

Services awards the scholarship prizes by Oct. 1. Nominations must include the sponsor’s name, social security number, base, club name and the nominee’s full name with mailing address and phone number. If the nominee is someone other than the club member, state his or her relationship to the

member. Nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less, on the topic, “Air Force Clubs — Professional Privilege.”

Nominees must provide a single-page summary of their long-term career and life goals and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic and academic awards and accomplishments.

All nominations should be submitted to base-level services squadron commanders or directors by July 15. Submit all nominations on standard white bond paper, with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point arial, times new roman, or equivalent font styles.

For more information and complete details, call the Desert Star Enlisted Club at 856-7136 or the Luke Officers Club at 856-6446.

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members’ contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: Master Sgt. Greg Cantor, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance chief

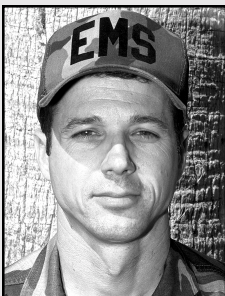
Hometown: Glassboro, N.J.

Years in service: 22

Words of wisdom: First, “If you don’t hold people accountable for their actions they will not respect you. Second, “Do I need to take off my shirt off and show you how to do that?”

Off duty: Anything outdoors!

Commanders comments: “Master Sgt. Cantor is a knowledgeable and aggressive leader in one of the busiest shops on the flightline,” Col. Ronald Lee, 56th Logistics Group commander, said. “His daily actions positively impact Luke’s flying mission. He knows his business and regularly exceeds his customers’ expectations.”



Cantor

Luke’s Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members’ outstanding customer service.

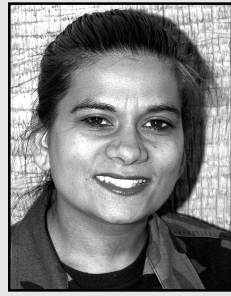
Name: Tech. Sgt. Shamatee Maharaj, 56th Supply Squadron safety NCO in charge

Hometown: Queens, N.Y.

Years service: 19 years

Words of wisdom: “Life is too short, choose your battles wisely, choose your friends carefully and always remember who you are, where you came from and where you are going. Always choose love over hate. Remember to give one another a hand but also remember you are not a door mat.

Off-duty: Karate, hiking, exploring, walking and running
Commanders comments: “In addition to maintaining an outstanding safety program, Shamatee has led numerous self-help projects throughout the supply complex,” Lee said. “She is a true asset to the squadron.”



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in the U.S. Air Force and all of Team Luke. “Every one of you is a winner. You should be proud of yourselves as I am proud of you,” Marquez said.

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th FW commander, echoed Marquez’s assessment.

“As General Marquez said earlier in the evening, all those represented are award winners,” Sargeant said. “This wing is full of professionals across the board. Everyone has the opportunity over the next year to be up here as well.

“I challenge each and every one of you to stay in the fight — keep the performance high and you will get the recognition you deserve.”

The 1999 56th FW Logistics Professional winners are:

- ♦ **Tech. Sgt. Paul Johnston**, 309th Fighter Squadron, is the 56th Operations Group Maintenance Professional of the Year in the NCO category.
- ♦ **Airman 1st Class Scott Hathorn**, 63rd Fighter Squadron, is the 56th OG Maintenance Professional of the Year in the airman category.
- ♦ **Tech. Sgt. Jennings Paramore**, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 12, is the 56th OG Logistics Support Professional of the Year in the NCO category.
- ♦ **Senior Airman Joseph Chapman**, 56th Contracting Squadron, is the 56th OG Logistics Support Professional of the Year in the airman category.

- ♦ **Alex Skalatos**, 56th Contracting Squadron, was chosen the 56th OG Logistics Support Professional of the Year in the civilian employee category.
- ♦ **Tech. Sgt. David Parker**, 56th Component Repair Squadron, is the 56th Logistics Group Maintenance Professional of the Year in the NCO category.
- ♦ **A1C Manuel Meza**, 56th CRS, is the 56th LG Maintenance Professional of the Year in the airman category.
- ♦ **Roy Walker**, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, earned the selection as the 56th LG Maintenance Professional of the Year in the civilian employee category.
- ♦ **Staff Sgt. Clifton Benton**, 56th Transportation Squadron, is the 56th LG Transportation Professional of the Year in the NCO category.

Col. Steve Sargeant
56th Fighter Wing commander

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- 56th LG Transportation Professional of the Year in the civilian employee category.
- ♦ **Tech. Sgt. Richard Darling**, 56th Supply Squadron, is the 56th LG Supply Professional of the Year in the NCO category.
 - ♦ **Airman 1st Class Beth Anderson**, 56th EMS, is the 56th LG Supply Professional of the Year in the airman category.
 - ♦ **Roy Bateman**, 56th Supply Squadron, is the 56th LG Supply Professional of the Year in the civilian employee category.
 - ♦ **The 21st Fighter Squadron Squadron** won the centerpiece award.

Promotion

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clear path for NCOs. The combination of the Weighted Airman Promotion System and TOPCAP was designed to create an ideal enlisted force structure with balanced experience levels with opportunities for advancement.

The promotion rate represents an overall increase when compared to percentages in the early and mid-1990s. In 1994, the selection rate was 4.62 percent, although the TOPCAP objective for senior master sergeant is 6 percent.

The Cycle 00E8 Senior Master Sergeant Evaluation Board convened Feb. 14 at Air Force Personnel Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, to evaluate the official records of master sergeants eligible for promotion.

The average total score of selectees during the cycle was 664.69 and the average selectee score breakdowns includes:

- ♦ 37.7 points for time in grade
- ♦ 20.34 points for time in service
- ♦ 134.98 points for enlisted performance reports
- ♦ 18.53 points for decorations
- ♦ 65.16 points for Air Force Supervisory Examination
- ♦ 387.98 points for board score

The average senior master sergeant selectee has 5.32 years time in grade and 19.30 years time in service.

The complete list of selections is posted on the AFPC home page today.

Senior master sergeant selectees receive a class date for the Senior NCO Academy in residence and of the senior master sergeant nonselects, 360 primary and 720 alternates are selected to attend the academy. The Senior NCO Academy list is released in conjunction with the senior master sergeant promotion list.

Selections are based on a combination of an eligible individuals board score and supervisory examination.

WAPS was adopted by the Air Force in 1970 basing promotions on clearly defined criteria such as test scores, time in grade and time in service.

DOD officials rethink eye surgery policy

By **Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Department of Defense officials implemented a policy allowing individuals who have had two common forms of laser eye surgery to enter the military with a medical waiver.

The two waivable procedures are photorefractive keratotomy, usually referred to as PRK, and laser in-situkeratomileusis, or LASIK, said Dr. John Mazzuchi, deputy for clinical and program policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

“You can get in the military, but it’s harder to do so,” he said.

He said DOD’s particular caution is driven by concern for servicemembers’ health.

“There are things the military exposes people to that are very different from civilian life — things like jungle or desert atmospheres, diving or flying,” he said. “What happens to the eye under those pressures?”

DOD is involved in several studies to address issues surrounding laser eye surgery and military service, because they could become readiness concerns in the future, Mazzuchi said. The department wants to know, for instance, whether the patient’s vision remains stable

and whether the rigors of military life prove detrimental to a person who has had PRK or LASIK.

Past experience with eye surgeries has shown the concern to be reasonable. Mazzuchi said the military barred individuals who had an earlier form of eye surgery called radial keratotomy that had become readily available to the public.

“Subsequent studies showed that our concerns were justified,” he said. “Some people developed difficulty with night vision, and visual acuity didn’t remain constant.”

Mazzuchi said he expects DOD to relook its policy on the issue in two to three years, when preliminary data from current studies is available.

Falcon production

Arab nations purchase Block-60 F-16s

ABU DHABI, U.A.E. — Officials of the United Arab Emirates and Lockheed Martin Corporation announced today that they have signed contractual agreements providing for the U.A.E.’s purchase of 80 F-16s and associated equipment for an estimated \$6.4 billion.

Pending U.S. Congressional approval, the aircraft will be produced by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company of Fort Worth, Texas in the new F-16 Block-60 configuration that incorporates advanced capabilities. The contract solidifies the U.A.E.’s May 1998 selection of the F-16 after a long and thorough process in which the Block 60 aircraft was evaluated against other advanced fighters including the Eurofighter Typhoon, France’s Rafale and Boeing’s F-15E.

U.A.E. Armed Forces Col. Obaid Al Ketbi, director of general purchasing, and Dain Hancock, president of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, announced the contract signing at a news conference.

“This agreement is very significant for the strategic relationship that exists between the governments of the United States and the United Arab Emirates, just as it is important for Lockheed Martin and the worldwide community of nations that rely on the F-16 for their defense,” Hancock said.

“We are honored that the U.A.E. Air Force has reaffirmed its choice of the F-16 and is providing us this opportunity to work with them in what we expect to be a long and mutually beneficial partnership.”

Dain Hancock
Lockheed Martin president

The U.A.E.’s particular version of the F-16 is named the Desert Falcon. Its equipment package consists of conformal fuel tanks for extended range, new cockpit displays, a new internal sensor suite, a new mission computer and other advanced features including the Northrop Grumman Agile Beam Radar for improved tracking of multiple targets.

Special aircraft equipment will include a new Integrated Electronic Warfare System supplied by Northrop Grumman. They also supply the internal forward-looking infrared and targeting system for the aircraft.

The U.A.E. has not yet selected the engine supplier for the aircraft. Pratt & Whitney and General Electric manufacture engines for the F-16.

The aircraft for the U.A.E. will be delivered from 2004 through 2007. Their development and production will result in the creation of more than 100,000 man-years of employment in many companies across 40 states.

Along with F-16s to be produced for Greece, Israel and Egypt, these will help sustain the Fort Worth assembly line and the fighter aircraft subcontractor base until the Joint Strike Fighter enters production for U.S. services around 2007, Lockheed officials said. The F-16 is the world’s most successful and sought-after fighter, with nearly 4,000 delivered to date. The U.A.E. is the 21st country to order the F-16. More than 200 F-16s will be added to Lockheed Martin’s backlog through customer decisions announced in the past year, including 30 planned for the U.S. Air Force, 24 for Egypt, 50 for Greece, 50 for Israel and the 80 for the U.A.E.

AF officer promotion process changes

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force officers competing for promotion on Central Selection Boards offering a 100-percent promotion rate will soon see a policy change in the selection process.

Promotion recommendation forms are required on officers who receive a “promote” recommendation but have derogatory information in their officer selection record, said Lt. Col. Nellie Riley, chief of promotion and evaluation policy at the air staff. Derogatory information may include an Article 15, court-martial, referral report or letter of reprimand. Officers who receive a “do not promote” recommendation are still required to receive a PRF.

This policy change takes effect with the Sept. 18 captain board for Judge Advocate General, Medical Service Corp, Nurse Corp and Biomedical Service Corp, Riley said.

Riley said since that change, personnel officials have received feedback from promotion board members indicating it would have been helpful to have a PRF as additional documentation to consider for those officers who have derogatory information in their selection record, yet are being recommended for promotion.

Luke experiences two hit-and-run accidents

Editor’s note: Crime does not stop at the fence surrounding Luke. It is up to Luke people to make a difference. You can help “take a bite out of crime” by reporting suspicious activities and people.

56th Security Forces Squadron members responded to the following incidents March 7 through 13:

Accidents

- ♦ A civilian hit a vehicle stopped at the intersection of Litchfield and Thunderbird Roads.
- ♦ A hit-and-run accident occurred at the intersection of Litchfield and Thunderbird Roads.
- ♦ A senior airman struck a parked government vehicle with a government vehicle.
- ♦ A wife of a retiree struck a parked vehicle while backing up at Bldg. 660.
- ♦ A son of a retiree struck a parked vehicle while backing up at the commissary.
- ♦ A senior airman struck a parked vehicle at Bldg. 156.
- ♦ A senior airman struck a vehicle at the intersection of Bong Lane and Eagle Road.

Thefts

- ♦ A technical sergeant reported his property was stolen from the gym.
- ♦ An airman reported his bike stolen from Bldg. 635.
- ♦ A wife of a retiree was detained for shoplifting at the base exchange.
- ♦ Private property was reported stolen from Bldg. 687.

Damage:

- ♦ A senior airman reported damage to his vehicle while parked at Bldg. 1530.
- ♦ A staff sergeant reported his vehicle damaged while parked at Bldg. 995.
- ♦ A senior airman reported his vehicle damaged while parked at Bldg. 1541.
- ♦ A senior airman damaged a government vehicle while attempting to pull it out of the mud.

Other:

- ♦ An airman first class was treated for injuries resulting from an off-base assault.
- ♦ 56th SFS, fire and medical members responded to a

- private vehicle and bicycle accident on Glendale Avenue.
- ♦ A civilian was detained for failure to obey.
 - ♦ A civilian employee reported damage to his motorcycle.
 - ♦ A civilian was driving with a revoked license.
 - ♦ 56th SFS assisted emergency room people with a belligerent wife of a retiree.
 - ♦ There was a hit-and-run involving a pedestrian.
 - ♦ A civilian was arrested for underage drinking.
 - ♦ An airman was arrested for failure to obey.
 - ♦ Vandalism was reported in base housing.
 - ♦ A retiree was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
 - ♦ There was a verbal argument in base housing.
 - ♦ There were two alarm activations, three noise complaints and one stray dog call.

Property found:

- ♦ A bag containing tools and a vehicle ignition key

Anyone with information on Luke crimes, call the 56th SFS desk at 856-5970 or investigations at 856-3748. If reporting a crime or an emergency, call 856-5970 or 911. Callers may remain anonymous.

Former CMSAF praises present Air Force

By 2nd Lt. Cris L’Esperance
Air Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) — Standing before 400 people, fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert Gaylor started his talk by referring to the Air Force’s newest air superiority fighter, the F-22 Raptor.

“A beautiful piece of machinery that is ... but I’d rather talk about people who maintain it and make it fly,” he said, getting a thunderous response.

It’s this obvious dedication to people — and a mix of humor and humility — that showed throughout Gaylor’s speech at a recent awards ceremony at the Air Force Flight Center, Edwards Air



Gaylor

Force Base, Calif. A hearty and humorous “man among the troops,” the chief recounted his more than three decades of Air Force service.

The chief told of his first visit to Edwards in 1978. An airman “looking for a guy named Gaylor” met him at the Los Angeles International Airport.

Not knowing the airman’s rank, Gaylor asked for it. The young troop replied, “airman basic,” and then asked the then-chief master sergeant of the Air Force, “What rank are you?”

Gaylor said this long-ago, but not forgotten, episode relayed a simple message:

“All of us need to accept the fact that no one is more important than any other person.”

Having entered the Air Force when it was just a year old, Gaylor’s pride and service in being named the fifth chief master sergeant of the Air Force showed throughout the night as he addressed his audience with an “I’d do it all over again” opening.

With this being an awards dinner, the chief noted that success is a personal thing.

“It’s about whatever you want it to be,” Gaylor said.

Whether that’s being named NCO of the year or having a satisfying 20-year career. Gaylor defined success “as the collision or intersection of opportu-

nity and aptitude as cemented by attitude.”

Gaylor said that never once throughout his 31-year career did he come across a lack of opportunity.

He cited seizing the chance to become an NCO academy instructor just two weeks after graduating as an NCO academy honor graduate himself.

Having trekked across country with family in tow to take on the new challenge, he taught only two classes before the school closed and he was out of a job.

“Opportunity involves a certain sacrifice or risk,” he said. “You have to be willing to try new things.”

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Retired Chief MasterSgt. Robert Gaylor
Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Air Power: Warrior Week instills vital mentality

By Capt. John N. Bryan
AETC Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — A rallying cry can be heard repeatedly rumbling through the confidence course and on the drill pads during Air Force basic enlisted military training.

One airman yells, “AIR POW-ER!” Then dozens shout their response, “A-E-F!”

These enthusiastic calls represent the warrior mentality stressed in today’s Air Force training of new recruits.

Because the Air Force is transitioning from a 20th century air power to a 21st century expeditionary-oriented air and space power, a cultural change is requiring all airmen to have a global, mobile warrior mindset. AETC changed its BMT operations to keep pace with the expeditionary aerospace force concept.

To support expeditionary operations, AETC initiated Warrior Week, a change designed to educate airmen on deployment skills and instill the warrior mindset.

Begun in October 1999, Warrior Week takes place during the fifth week of BMT at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The week sets the expectation of an expeditionary environment by teaching how to operate in the field.

“This marks the beginning of a necessary transformation of our culture and mindset,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch. “You’ve gained the basic

knowledge and skills to help you understand deployment environments and how you must operate within them.”

The week includes going through mobility processing, M-16 weapons orientation, learning how to set up defensive fighting positions, establishing field security and communications, and recognizing unexploded ordnance. It also teaches self-aid and buddy care; defensive reactions to nuclear, biological and chemical warfare; the Laws of Armed Conflict; and the Code of Conduct.

“The goal is for airmen to leave with the basic skills necessary to succeed while assigned to an aerospace expeditionary force anywhere around the world,” said Tech. Sgt. Bryan Blue, Warrior Week section supervisor,

A ceremony marks their transition from “trainee” to “airman.” At this ceremony, the BMT instructors present each airman with the U.S. lapel insignia and the coveted Airman’s Coin. The insignia recognizes they are authorized to wear “blues” — the full service dress uniform — for the first time in their Air Force career.

The coin carries additional special significance. It features an eagle and the phrase “Aerospace Power” encircled by the words “Awarded on the occasion of becoming an airman in the world’s best Air Force” on one side.

The other side of the coin depicts the Air Force’s heritage and core values. The traditional “Hap Arnold” wings and star signify the Air Force’s roots in the Army Air Corps. As a reminder of the Air Force’s birthday, “1947”

is inscribed below the wings. Both elements are encircled by the Air Force Core Values: “Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do.”

“The coin is a symbol of not only my hard work, but the hard work my flight has put in as well,” said Airman Ryan Hunnington who is heading to explosive ordnance technical training school after BMT.

“The coin is a great idea and symbol of what I’ve accomplished, and is something I’m going to look back at in time and remember,” said Airman Jennifer Park.

A uniform item has also been created to bolster the expeditionary mindset. A black T-shirt displays an eagle, fiercely clawing its way out of a fiery red background above the words “Aerospace Power.” The shirts are authorized for all AETC personnel as an optional battle-dress uniform item, and are scheduled to be available through military clothing sales March 24.

“The global climate is constantly changing and so is the Air Force,” said Maj. Gen. Andrew Pelak, 2nd Air Force commander, who oversees all AETC basic and technical training. “Warrior Week, the presentation of the Airman’s Coin and the U.S. insignia to the trainees, and the distinctive aerospace T-shirt serve to help introduce and sustain the EAF mindset.

“Basic military training has always focused on core values, teamwork and discipline, but now it also lays the foundation for airmen to succeed in an AEF,” Pelak added.



Tech. Sgt. Cary Humphries
U.S. Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters are used in “Operation Atlas Response” to distribute relief supplies and rescue stranded flood victims in neighboring Mozambique.

Operation Atlas Response

AF assists flood victims

By Staff Sgt. Bryan Purtell

Joint Task Force Atlas Response Public Affairs

AIR FORCE BASE HOEDSPRUIT, South Africa (AFPN) — U.S. servicemembers continue to deploy to flood-ravaged Mozambique as Joint Task Force Atlas Response relief efforts intensify.

More than 560 U.S. servicemembers and civilians, mostly Air Force personnel, are in southern Africa supporting humanitarian relief operations there. In addition to the more than 450 people staging out of Hoedspruit, 118 U.S. military members are in Mozambique — 89 in Beira and 29 in the capital city of Maputo.

JTF members have been in Mozambique and South Africa since Feb. 21 when a military Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team deployed to southern Africa to coordinate U.S. military relief support with international aid organizations.

Since then, American servicemembers have been arriving at Hoedspruit via Air Force C-5 and C-130 aircraft flights originating from the United States; RAF Mildenhall, England; and from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

In addition to shuttling JTF members into the region, Air Force planes have transported more

than 660,000 pounds of support equipment and relief aid into Hoedspruit.

More than 135,000 pounds of cargo has been cross-loaded onto aircraft for transportation from Hoedspruit to locations in Mozambique. The bulk of the intra-theater transportation load has been handled by C-130 aircraft from the 37th Airlift Squadron at Ramstein.

Three HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters from the 41st Rescue Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., ferried 27,000 pounds of relief aid from Beira to the Mozambique villages of Grudja and Maquecho on the Save River March 9. The Pave Hawk element has also moved operations to Beira and will continue to support JTF Atlas Response by delivering relief supplies in the region for international aid organizations.

According to JTF officials, the Mozambique humanitarian operation is the largest foreign airlift in Africa since the Rwanda crisis six years ago. Air traffic controllers in Maputo are handling more than 200 aircraft flights daily and the World Food Program reports 100,000 tons of food are being distributed daily to feed an estimated 1 million people left homeless from severe flooding that began in Mozambique in early February.

(Right) Airman 1st Class Michael Johnson, Airman Paul Thronson and Airman 1st Class John Evy work on an inert bomb dummy unit. (Below) Airman Martin Holmes and Airman 1st Class James Pratt perform routine maintenance on an inert training missile.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus



(Above) Senior Master Sgt. Lester Alexander examines a row of completed BDUs. (Right) Airman 1st Class Eric Joles assembles 20 mm bullets.



Ammo Country

Munitions troops provide service on time, every time

By Tech. Sgt. Janay Carleen Baptiste
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The fenced compound hints at some secret activity. Once inside those gates, a large sign reads: Welcome to Ammo Country. Then there is the saying: “Ammo makes the mission.” But, what exactly is “Ammo Country” and what goes on there?

Plenty, said Senior Master Sgt. Lester Alexander, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions production superintendent. The flight is divided into three sections: production, material and systems, with elements responsible for incoming goods, accounting, munitions inspection, munitions control and maintenance.

The mission, he said, is simple: Munitions professionals committed to provide reliable, safe, secure, accountable products and services on time, every time.

“This is one of the safest jobs in the Air Force, through proper use of technical data,” Alexander said.

Airman 1st Class Eric Joles, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions system apprentice, agrees. He works in the 20 mm load bay where he loads, inspects and uploads ammunition for the flightline.

“It’s a really safe job if you go by the technical orders and listen to your supervisor,” he said. “This (job) to me is heaven; it’s great.”

Many people have the opinion bombs and missiles are simply taken off a truck and are ready for activation. Not so, said Tech. Sgt. John Mickleson, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron senior munitions controller.

“There is a lot more involved than people realize,” Mickleson said.

The ammunition is obtained from various depots through the traffic management office. Once it arrives at Luke and is unloaded at storage, it’s inspected and issued to “build sites” before it eventually makes its way to the flightline and other agencies served.

Mickleson’s section is the hub of the munitions flight. Literally everything goes through that office which operates on a 24-hour, five-day week. Not only do they ensure safe and timely delivery of munition items from the storage area to the flightline, they also maintain manning, vehicles assigned, update weather, since thunderstorms can be disastrous to that business, monitor “mock causes” with emergency situations and track all missiles.

At one of the build sites, Airman 1st Class Michael Johnson, a 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions system apprentice, works with the bomb and conventional maintenance crew. He builds up live and dummy bombs and rockets.

“I chose this career field because it appeared very interesting,” Johnson said. “I like where I am right now; have no plans of trying to move.”

There are more than 200 people assigned to the flight and there is no solo work allowed until a 5-level is attained. Alexander said it takes a special kind of person to be part of the ammo team, strong-minded and adventurous with technical and computer skills.

“With good supervision and leadership, members with problems are readily identified,” he said. “They will be decertified and their line badge taken if deemed unable to work in munitions.”

Each ammo person carries a coin in his pocket, which reads: Providing the enemy the opportunity to die for his country. That sums up the attitude of this less-than-visible flight.



Around Base

CPR and first aid class

The Red Cross has a cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid class for all military, civilian employees and family members April 1 at 9 a.m. at Bldg. 1150, Room 1007. Cost is \$22. To register or for more information, call 856-7823.

Enlisted wives club

Spouses interested in forming an enlisted wives club can call Vernadene Loveland at 856-6835.

Job fair

The family support center has a job fair March 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club for all Team Luke and family members. For more information, call Dot McDaniel at 856-6839.

Dental assistant training

The Red Cross has a six-month dental assistant training course beginning April 3. Classes are open to all military identification card holders. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Rossell at 856-7533.

Gong show

There is a gong show for all Team Luke members Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the base theater. Admission is free. For more information, to perform or volunteer, call 856-7152.

Big band, USO show

The Arizona Wing of the Confederate Air Force has a big band dance and World War II-style United Services Organization show Saturday at 8 p.m. at Falcon Field Airport, 2017 N. Greenfield Road, Mesa.

Advance tickets are \$20 per person or \$25 at the door. Doors open at 5 p.m., the show starts at 6:45 p.m. and dancing starts at 8 p.m. For reservations or more information, call (480) 924-1940 or (480) 981-1945.

Career fair

Estrella Mountain Community College has a career fair March 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale. Technology, education, health care, retail and other career fields are represented. For more information, call (623) 935-8804.

Rio Salado registration

Rio Salado College spring II term begins April 3. Placement testing for reading, math and English are Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m. For more information, call 856-3239.

Embry-Riddle registration

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University spring term begins Monday. Registration ends March 24. For more information, call 856-6471.

OWC craft fair

The officers wives club needs vendors for a spring craft fair Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The fee is \$30. For more information, call Rhonda Fingal at 935-7352.

Chamber honors breakfast

Tri-City West Chamber of Commerce has a breakfast to honor Luke members Thursday at 7 a.m. at the Estrella Hall Community Room of Estrella Mountain Community College. Cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 932-2260.

Ocean excursion

Outdoor recreation has a four-day Coronado Island, near San Diego, memorial weekend ocean

excursion. Cost is \$300 per person. For more information, call 856-6267.

Arizona Renaissance Festival

The 56th Services Squadron offers free Arizona Renaissance Festival ticket drawings at services facilities through March. Reduced-price tickets are also available from Information Tickets and Tours. The festival is Saturdays and Sundays through March 26. For more information, call 856-6000.

Retirement center volunteers

Good Shepherd Retirement Center seeks volunteers for the adopt-an-elder program. To volunteer or for more information, call 875-0122.

Luke AFA Chapter

The Luke Chapter of the Air Force Association meets at noon the third Friday of each month at the enlisted club. For more information, call Harry Bailey at 846-7483.

Hazardous waste collection

The City of Glendale has a hazardous waste collection day Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6210 West Myrtle Ave. For more information, call 930-2965.

Air Rescue Association reunion

An Air Rescue Association annual reunion is Sept. 24 to 28. For more information, call Shad Shaddox at (210) 656-0306 or visit the air rescue web page at pedroairrescuechopper.net/ara/.

Torrejon Air Base reunion

There is a Torrejon Air Base, Spain, reunion Aug. 31 through Sept. 3 in Mount Laurel, N.J. For more information, write to Burnethel Sanford, P.O. Box 3492, Riverside, Calif. 92519.

Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
Children 12 and under pay \$1; adults \$1.50.

Today and Saturday “The Talented Mr. Ripley” (R)



Stars Matt Damon and Gwyneth Paltrow. Living amid the blue waters and idyllic landscape of Italy in the 1950s; that’s the life Tom Ripley craves and Dickie Greenleaf leads. When Greenleaf’s father asks Ripley to bring his son home, Greenleaf and his girlfriend never suspect the extremes to which Ripley will go to make their lifestyle his own. (175 minutes)

Sunday “Cradle Will Rock” (R)



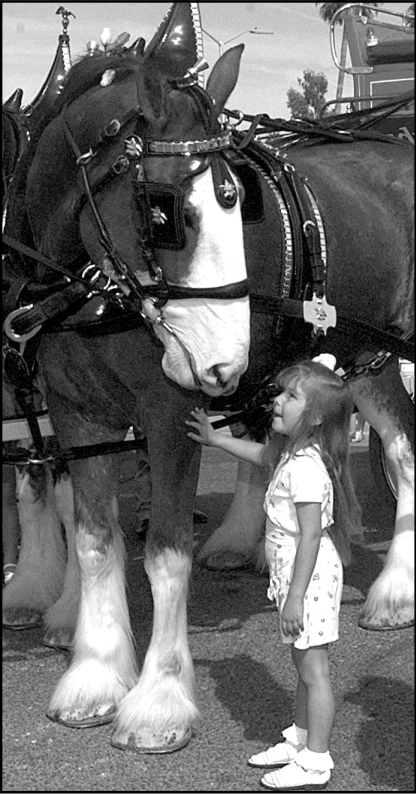
Stars John Cusack and Susan Sarandon. As labor strikes break out across the country, New York City is alive with a cultural revolution. Nelson Rockefeller commissions Mexican artist Diego Rivera to paint the lobby of Rockefeller Center, while Italian propagandist Margherita Sarfatti sells Da Vincis to millionaires to fund the Mussolini war effort. A paranoid ventriloquist tries to rid his vaudeville troupe of communists, and a 22-year-old Orson Welles directs his Federal Theater group in an infamous stage production. Based on a true, exciting and dangerous time in American history. (109 minutes)

March 24 “Eye of the Beholder” (R)



Stars Ewan McGregor and Ashley Judd. A startling journey into obsession, the story of an intelligence agent so taken with a beautiful killer he cannot bear to apprehend her. Set in the surreal world of a high-tech voyeur, the tale follows him across the county as he embarks on a desperate quest for this enigmatic femme fatale. Ewan McGregor stars as “the eye,” a lonely, isolated British intelligence agent who has lost his wife and daughter, for which he blames his own unforgivable inaction. His mission is to track Joanna Eris, a woman suspected of blackmailing the son of a senior British official. (107 minutes)

Horsin’ around ...



Champaign Edminster visits with one of the Budweiser Clydesdales at the shoppette Sunday. Known as the “Gentle Giants,” the horses come from the Valley of Dale in Scotland and weigh about 2,000 pounds each.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following is Luke’s Protestant and Catholic worship schedule:

Protestant worship

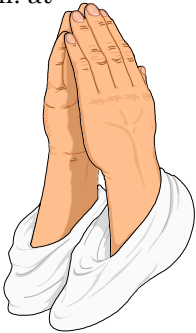
- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Gospel Service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
- ♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.

Catholic worship

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel
- ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon at the Luke Community Chapel.

Sunday school

Sunday school is 9:30 a.m. in the education



annex, Bldg. 246 on 140th Drive near the Chapel on the Mall. Classes are for ages 4 through adult.

Lenten programs

- ♦ There is a Protestant Lenten devotion Wednesdays at noon at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ There is a combined Protestant and Chatholic lunch Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. throughout Lent at the Luke Community Chapel.

For more information on other chapel programs, call 856-6211.

Commander’s Access Channel

Air Force Television News,
March 6 edition

- ♦ Anthrax update
 - ♦ Eye on the Air Force
 - ♦ Security forces make C-17 jump
- Monday—** 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Wednesday— 11:30 a.m.
Thursday— 2 p.m.



607th dominates intramural b-ball night

By Senior Airman J. Propst
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56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs and 56th Services Squadron

607th ACS vs. 56th SFS

During Monday night's intramural action the 607th Air Controller Squadron team 2 squeaked by the 56th Security Forces Squadron 50-48 at the base fitness center.

Security Forces came out full of energy, keeping the tempo high with a man-to-man full court press.

The 607th tried to slow down the pace and set up plays, but their guard couldn't hold on to the ball, however Security Forces couldn't take advantage of the opportunity.

The teams exchanged baskets until the 3:36 mark in the first half when Security Forces executed their running game to perfection, scoring 14 unanswered leading at the end of the half 29-21. The second half would prove to be much closer.

After the half, both the 607th and the Security Forces came out with new plays and was scoring points. The 607th were able to break through the Security Forces defense and started a full-court defense of their own, cutting the lead. David Maytes of the 607th came through under the basket, pushing through the Security Forces defense.

The final minutes of the game got the crowd on their feet and the teams biting their nails when the 607th tied it up at 28 with 18 seconds left. The 607th managed to gain the lead with two foul shots. Security Forces had the opportunity to return the favor, but couldn't make anything happen at the foul line.

The possession of the ball went back and forth with both teams giving it their all, but neither being able to score additional points. The game ended with the 607th winning 50-48.

"We tried to slow the tempo down, thats what I want them (the players) to

do every time they get possession of the ball, slow the tempo down," said Joe Mendoza, 607th coach. "Security Forces made that hard with their man-to-man defense, but despite 23 turn-overs, we were able to come out with a 2-point win."

607th ACS vs. 56th MSS

The 607th took the second game of the night as well, beating 56th Mission Support Squadron 69-51.

The second game of the night featured a scoring attack of the 607th ACS team 1 against the veteran MSS team. This game would be decided in the first half. It was a see-saw battle throughout the first 10 minutes of the game until the rowdy 607th fans, led by their commander, pumped up their team to eight unanswered points. MSS managed to struggle back to end the half tied at 25. The second half would be a different story.

The 607th fans took the team to another level as the players set the nets on fire with a 14-point run against the exhausted MSS.

The 607th controlled the ball for the rest of the game because the weary MSS team refused to use any of their three players sitting on the bench, which of course had nothing to do with the fact that they were female. Eventually the MSS team gave up all together, not even defending their basket when a 607th player would break away from the pack. The game ended with the 607th winning 69-51.

The 607th attack was led by Albert Terry, who had 17 points, while Tim Turner and Cameron Hill added 12 and 13 points respectively.

"The intensity level was where we need to play at all the time," Mendoza said. "We were aggressive, yet under control."

"We put team 1 together to compete for the championship," said Mendoza said. "Team 2, though they are competitive, is really just out there to have fun."



Senior Airman Shanna Jones
Matthew Orchard of the 56th Security Forces Squadron guards Fadrique Saenz of the 607th Air Control Squadron.

Youth baseball takes off after opening day

By Senior J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The little league baseball and T-ball season is in full swing after Saturday's opening day ceremony at the youth center ball field.

The day started as each of the teams were presented to the crowd. There are four T-ball teams – the Braves, Tigers, Cubs and Red Sox; four coach pitch teams – the Indians, Pirates, Mets and Yankees; as well as five base ballteams – the Reds, A's, Dodgers, Rockies and Braves.

After an invocation, Lt. Col. Ian O'Connell, 56th Support Group deputy commander, threw the ceremonial first pitch as the pint-sized "major leaguers" prepared for exhibition games.

As is the case for all youth sports at Luke, there were no strikes, no outs, no scores kept and everybody had fun as the children took turns knocking the ball off of the tee while trying to remember which way to run.

"We want them to have fun while learning fair play and how to cooperate and be good sports," said Steve Duran, Red Sox assistant coach.

The crowd, which grew to standing room only as the games got closer, tried to figure out who would be the next Mark McGuire, while the children were excited just to get on base.

"I hope (the children) learn good fitness and lifetime skills," said Amy Heil, youth center management trainee and youth sports coordinator. "Youth sports are an opportunity for children to develop their social skills as well as learn from positive role models."

"It gives them something to feel good about," Duran said. "We want all of the players to have a good time and enjoy being on the team."

The first games of the season, which are Saturday, feature the Red Sox against the Tigers at 9 a.m. and the Braves against the Cubs at 10:15 a.m.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus
Vivian Gardner, 5, looks on as Mycal Hurley, 6, reaches to catch a ball Saturday during a T-ball exhibition game Saturday. All of the teams played a one-inning game to start the season.

Sports Shorts

Bowl-a-thon

The chiefs group sponsors a bowl-a-thon to raise money for the Air Force Enlisted Widows Home. The bowl-a-thon is April 14 at 1 p.m. The price of \$5 includes shoes and three games. Contact any chief for a pledge sheet.

AFA golf tournament

A “Let’s get acquainted with Luke personnel” golf tournament sponsored by the Air Force Association is April 16 at 1 p.m. at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course. The tournament, which is a four-person scramble made up of two military and two civilian members, supports the Boys and Girls Clubs of Glendale and Luke. Cost is \$38 per person for military members and \$50 per person for everyone else. Register by April 5. For more information, call John Dearness at 975-9877.

Varsity hockey

People wanting to tryout for the Luke Varsity Ice Hockey Team spring league may call Senior Airman Erik Saracino at work, 856-5970, or at home, 544-1637.

Bicycle rides

The Arizona Bicycle Club offers a round trip bike ride April 30 between Prescott Valley and Jerome, Ariz. For more information, call (602) 452-1212.

3-point shoot out

The fitness center sponsors a three-point shoot out March 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base fitness center. There will be mens and womens divisions. For more information, call 856-4511 or 856-6241.

War stories ...



Linda D. Kozaryn

San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson, who attended the U.S. Naval Academy (standing), talks with Junior ROTC students at the Alamodome in San Antonio about his military days while Spurs Coach Gregg Popovich, who attended the U.S. Air Force Academy (seated left), and Defense Secretary William Cohen (seated right) listen in. The defense leader and the NBA sports stars swapped “war stories” in early March as part of the Defense Department’s joint public outreach initiative to gain public recognition for the military.

